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## Reds add 700 hours to radio propaganda

The weekly foreign radio service broadcasts from 13 Communist-ruled countries have increased 700 hours to approximately 4,000 hours in 63 languages, according to the president of Free Europe Committee Inc., John Richardson Jr.

The Communist broadcasts even include Esperanto, Mr. Richardson said in an address to the New York State Publishers Assn.

The work of Radio Free Europe since its was organized in 1949 has kept the Soviet Union off balance in the latter's program to dominate the minds of Europeans, Mr. Richardson said, and so has justified the wisdom of its founders.

The "quickening pace" of West European "unity" and the "conflicts apparent" in the world Communist movement now offer Radio Free Europe its "greatest challenge and opportunity," he said.

Mr. Richardson said the Soviet Union now broadcasts 1,300 hours weekly of radio programs abroad and Red China broadcasts 700 hours; other, in order: East Germany, Cuba, Czechoslovakia and Poland (tied for fifth place), Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary. The extent of Communist monitoring of Radio Free Europe leaves "no doubt" that the Communists "deeply respect and fear our influence, our ability to break their internal monopoly of communications," Mr. Richardson said.

Mr. Richardson said Radio Free Europe is the "single most important" channel of communication to Communist-dominated countries.

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